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April 24, 2009

Hon. Frank A. LoBiondo
Member of Congress
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC, 20515-3002

Dear Congressman LoBiondo:

I am writing in support of the Almond Road resurfacing project in Pittsgrove Township, submitted by Salem County for consideration as a High Priority Project in the upcoming reauthorization of SAFETEA – LU. The County of Salem wishes to improve Almond Road, County Route No. 540, consisting of the resurfacing of the roadway, with no substantial roadway widening or realignments. The county highway passes through the Parvin State Park, thus requiring special traffic calming practices to protect pedestrians and bicyclists. Safety will be improved by installing and replacing sub-standard guiderail.

Salem County is seeking \$2,489,735 in federal funding for the project, and is confident that if funded, it can be constructed within five years.

The South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization fully supports the Almond Road resurfacing project.

Should this project be included in the SAFETEA – LU reauthorization, all of our public involvement procedures for the Transportation Improvement Program will be maintained, including formal public notice, website posting, and presentation at an open public meeting.

No other federal, State, local, or private funding sources are anticipated to be used to advance this project.

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Thank you for your consideration of this critical project, and please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy G. Chelius", written in a cursive style.

Timothy G. Chelius, P.P., AICP
Executive Director

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Cc: Hon. Lee Ware, Director, Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders